

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: rossi@VFL.Paramax.COM (Pete Rossi)
Subject: [3845] 40 METER BEACON - Sunday Feb 4
Message-ID: <9602032255.AA27343@gvlf6-a>

I will be running an experimental QRP beacon on 40 meters through most of Saturday evening Feb 3 and Sunday Feb until about 4 PM EST.

Location : Newtown Square PA FM29hx (about 15 miles west of Philadelphia)
You all should know about Newtown Square after the duPont fiasco last weekend ;-) I am about 1 mile east of where it all happened.

Frequency: 7021.0 KHz

Power : various between 500 mW and 2 mW (level will be sent with message)

Antenna : 40 meter inverted vee @ 50' in a north/south plane. Fed with 125' 9913

Message : VVV VVV VVV xx mW <4_letter_codeword> DE WA3NNA/B QRP
Sent at 13 WPM.

Time : I hope to have it on the air as early as midnight EST Saturday night (0500 UTC 04 FEB) and run it at various power levels through the day Sunday. Exact times/power levels are not known at this time. I hope to keep the beacon on through Sunday afternoon until about 4 PM EST

Take a listen and see if you can hear it.

All reception reports will be appreciated.

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: rhchan <russ132@widomaker.com>
Subject: [3841] Additional Info on QRP
Message-ID: <Pine.SV4.3.90.960203153710.10924A-100000@wilma>

Although I am new to the amateur radio community, I find QRP to

be of great interest. My question is, what are some other sources (other than this list) of information on this most fascinating "speciality" of ham radio?

Russell

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: WJ4PRandy@aol.com
Subject: [3846] Code/Spelling
Message-ID: <960203190244_311692780@emout09.mail.aol.com>

Hi OMs,

i like cw cuz i dont hve to spell out sum of the wrds
es in fact sum wrds r sent faster using a "cognate"
form such as "c" for yes (Si! - spanish) and u can leave
out a vowel or to and still get the job dun.

73, Randy

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: aa7qy@primenet.com (Roger Hightower)
Subject: [3835] e-mail address?
Message-ID: <199602031609.JAA22444@usr3.primenet.com>

Pse excuse the bandwidth, but does anyone have an e-mail address
for Mike Bryce, WB8VGE?

Tnx/72, de Roger, AA7QY

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: stan@cruzio.com
Subject: [3843] F/S HW-9 & access
Message-ID: <Chameleon.960203125430.stan@cruzio.com.cruzio.com>

I copied this off a local BBS in case anyone is interested.

I don't know anything about this radio or the person selling it.

(I do however speak for my employer since I am him)

>From : KF2ZW @ WB2VPH.#WNY.NY.USA.NOAM
To : SALE @ ALLUS
Date : 960131/2152
Msgid : BF 10225@WB2VPH, 5234@KG6EE \$10225_WB2VPH
Subject : Heathkit HW 9 QRP station
Path : KI6EH!N6IYA!KA6EYH!KA6EYH!WX3K!VE4KV!KE2VW!WB2VPH

From: KF2ZW@WB2VPH.#WNY.NY.USA.NOAM
To : SALE@ALLUSA

Hello and thanks for reading this message, name here is Scott...
I have forsale a Heathkit HW9 station consisting of:
Heath HW9 with WARC bands.
Heath HM9 QRP Watt Meter.
Heath HFT9A QRP Antenna Tuner.
All in great shape, with manuals...
Asking 350.00 for all.
Reply this message or @ 716-654-7360 evenings between 6:30 and 10:00
Tnx es 73's
Please enter a blank line to continue, anything else to halt output

----- End of message 5234 from KF2ZW @ WB2VPH.#WNY.NY.USA.NOAM -----

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: Roy Boggs <rboggs@pcc-uky.campus.mci.net>
Subject: [3844] Finally got Alaska
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19960203225335.0068e12c@pcc-uky.campus.mci.net>

Hi gang,

I'm about to bust!!! Just now got AL7JR (22:28 UTC), Ron in Anchorage (mine 559, his 599), on the little toy - SW40 at 1 watt. Just came out of nowhere, short chat, then died as soon we 73'd. Not much for many of you vets, but a whizzer for me!!!

72, Roy

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QRP-L #322 Norcal

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
Subject: [3834] Friday Fox on 80m, Report
Message-ID: <960203105729_213140987@emout05.mail.aol.com>

>From your Friday Special 80m Fox, my report:

This is more like it. Came up on freq. about a minute late (thanks, Long Is. RR, you've done it again.) and found a genuine pile up waiting. Condx were good prop for first hour and a half, with terrible lightning crashes due to incoming cold front and snowstorm here in the East. AGC on the Sierra is slow, so sensitivity fell off after every crash, making copy on the real weak ones impossible. Just can't hold the earphones in tight with crashes blowing the eardrums every few secs--so even with better AGC action I couldn't hear the very weak ones. But early eve sig levels were very high, some sigs putting the little S meter in my Sierra at the top over S9. No West coast prop, though, sadly. No novices heard, though I did go up there using the Yaesu cut back to 5w at 45 past each hour. No 3579ers either, though I stopped by there a couple minutes too. And sorry, Paul, I didn't hear you or any other decent sigs by time I closed on 80 and went down to 40 to look for you.

Footnote: Since I wouldn't even ordinarily be operating with static crashed like last night's, I doubt I will bother to mess with the Sierra's AGC. The rig is working super, and, I am a subscriber to Chuck's DFW principle. The Sierra is a winner.

Here's the pile up:

1	n2mnn	579	Steve
2	w5teh	579	Lee
3	k3voa	599	from DC Steve
4	wa1guv	579	VT Tom
5	kc4uri	569	VA Steve
6	wa9pwp	559	WI Paul
7	nn9h	559	Marty
8	ka3eaj	339	MD Dave
9	k3tks	578	(some hum on the sig?) Danny
10	wa3nna	599	
11	kc1fb	589	Jim
12	k8dd	599	Hank

13 w8be 349 Chris?
14 n1rxt 359 Chuck
15 n2cx 559
16 aa3ej 449 Dave
17 ae4ic 339 (yep, I had you)
18 w3pm 449 Gene
19 n3kfl 599 Al in GA (was this station a fox hunter or a casual QS0?)
20 k4cgy 589 Jim
21 kc2du 339 John

Worked all I could hear. Es thanks to the station who stayed and said GN
when I went CL. Respectfully submitted,

Preston WJ2V

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: AlexQRP@aol.com
Subject: [3847] Icom 735 FS
Message-ID: <960203220946_213542430@mail06.mail.aol.com>

After reading and rereading all the info I got on TT rigs I,ve made the
decision to sell the trusty ole 735. Will let you all know first and then it
goes to the "yellow Sheets".

Asking \$575 and i will ship to the "lower 48".

E - Mail me directly at AlexQRP@aol.com or call me here at the
hacienda el rancho at 214-243-3655 up to 11 pm cst. Tnx alex Wa5UNY
Dallas,Tejas USofA.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: ruswhite@netzone.com (Russell W. White)
Subject: [3828] Logging software
Message-ID: <199602030425.VAA16343@nz1.netzone.com>

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vary quite a bit. Is there a good logging program that allows you to set
it up for a particular contest. SS wants one set of info, Field Day wants
another set, ARP ARCI wants another set, each mode and band is a contact,
each mode by itself is a contact,add serial numbers, don't add numbers.....

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that is the software they used for logging. It was the first and only time
that I used it. How is it for all the other contests.

I used CQPWIN for Sweepstakes and it worked really well. It just cannot be used for contests other than SS and two Cal. contests.

Any input would be helpful.

73 AB7JX

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| Russ White AB7JX (ex WB1GQG) QRP-ARCI NORCAL NEQRP |
| Phoenix AZ QRP-L #179 ARRL ARRL-VE |
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: Clark Savage Turner WA3JPG <turner@safety.ICS.UCI.EDU>
Subject: [3840] Need HW-7 schematic
Message-ID: <27223.823377535@safety.ics.uci.edu>

Can anyone spare a copy of the HW-7 schematic? I found one at a swap meet and sure enough, it doesn't work. Could be fun to fix. I always had the Ten Tec Power Mites back when the HW-7 was introduced, so I never did try one, this is my first.

Clark
WA3JPG

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
Subject: [3837] Need VFO cap Brass collars
Message-ID: <960203135712_413629147@mail06.mail.aol.com>

Hi gang,

Anyone have a source for a small quantity (3 or 4) of those brass collars that come with a plastic cursor for tuning caps? The lamented Dan's Small Parts used to carry them. OHR uses them, but I am reluctant to bother them as they have retired from the parts business, I think. (Please correct me if that is wrong, as I would be delighted to deal with them.) I am really not looking forward to creating my own from hobby store wheel collars. What say anyone?

Preston WJ2V

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: Ptcandy@aol.com
Subject: [3831] Poor code vs. poor spelling= SPELL CHECK FOR CW
Message-ID: <960203080920_213085948@emout08.mail.aol.com>

When I first took typing in high school 30 years ago, the old bag for a teacher told us that in typing, there was no such thing as a mis-spelled word. Spelling errors were called TYPO's!!!! My life was never the same after that. Little did I know at that time, knowing how to type kept me out of Viet Nam and years later made me the envy of my computer friends.!

I suppose a keyer helps with the rough spots for some people (including myself) but what we really need is a SPELL CHECKER FOR CW. Imagine being able to complete your thought with the words you want to use without the fear of looking like a schmuck.

The XYL is calling (N2SXY). There is a ham movie on HBO called , "The Silence of the Ham's". I like a good ham radio movie. Don't we participate in an exciting hobby?

Regards,

Peter N2KPY

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkux.utcc.utk.edu>
Subject: [3833] Revised QRP periodicals list
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960203082100.7660B-100000@utkux4.utcc.utk.edu>

I have just posted to the archives of QRP-L a revised list of periodicals of interest to QRPers and to other builders. The directory is QRP-L/BOOKS and the file is PERIODICALS.LIST.

Every officer and editor or a QRP group with a publication is encourage to retrieve the file and check the appropriate listing for accuracy of current information. The preceding edition goes back to September, and some addresses and names for renewals, editorial roles, etc. may have changed. Please advise me of any and all changes to be made to ensure that prospective subscribers and renewers have the correct information.

If your group has a publication (devoted in the main to some or all of the interests of QRP enthusiasts) and it is not currently listed, please provide me with information, using the other entries as a guide and including any special notes you wish me to add at the end of the listing.

I plan a further update before the end of February, so please look at the listing and tell me how to update your listing. (Do not wait for some "other" official to do it; I would rather receive multiple copies of information than to get none while folks do an Alphonse & Gaston routine.)

It also pays to keep a copy of the list near your checkbook, with the expiration dates of your subscriptions posted in the margins. Then you will never let your subscriptions run out.

I look forward to receiving updated information.

-73-

LB, W4RNL

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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
 From: Babineau@eworld.com
 Subject: [3836] RS Twinlead for DCT loop?
 Message-ID: <960203104745_24047442@hp1.online.apple.com>

Can some kind soul with a U.S. Radio Shack catalog look up the entry for 300 ohm twinlead with RS number 15-1153? All I am interested in is whether this just regular cheepo twinlead or whether its expensive stuff with a foam dielectric. This is the stuff called for in the recently discussed QST article on 80 M DCTL Loops. I checked the local RS and this appears to be a U.S.-specific part number.

If its just regular cheepo stuff I should have no problems finding a replacement. Otherwise I have to be more careful as this has an impact on overall loop capacitance, thus effecting the loop dimensions. I remember someone posting that they substituted a different twin-lead (was it Dr Rick in Calgary?)

Michael VE3WMB

P.S. Thought I might have a chance snagging the N2CX-FOX on thursday with my new EXPLORER II, but 40 was really dead and I never heard a peep

from him.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [3830] Weighting
Message-ID: <199602011757.RAA17207@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

The standard morse elements are 1:3:1 for dit:dah:space-element between elements, i.e. dit/dah.

Now electronically some rigs don't track the keyer exactly and people over the years have allowed for this in the keyers. It's why the ARRL in product review illustrate the keydown vs. PA output graphs for CW. In fact in the last QST MFJ showed a poor (and I really mean VERY POOR) response with the CW add-on to their SSB QRP rig.

The point that I want to make here is that the output of your rig should be 1:3:1 at any speed. This goes against the grain of "folk lore" and "urban legends" and what some people want. This will start a flame war guaranteed. At any speed I want to hear 1:3:1, sorry about that.

The thing that I find fascinating about the NN1G, KE8KL, and N6KR rigs is that they track very very good. Something that I like.

You won't find the "big" commercial high dollar rigs doing this good due to the complex circuitry that they use and the combo of R/C/L/IC circuitry causes some delays/distortions in the final output of the PA vs. the key input. Fact of life.

OK, back to your regularly scheduled programming. Will someone please turn on the heater. Please.

See you on 80M tonight for the colorburst. I hope that I don't have problems. With the cold spell someone in the neighborhood has something that is generating very high levels of white noise on 40M until they go to bed. I haven't listened on 80M, but will find out tonight.

dit dit

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Ron, you wrote, in part

Oh no, you tryin' to tell us you need a limp wrist to send good cw, AND they taught you that in the Service? Say it ain't so!!! :-)

72/73,

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: aa7qy@primenet.com (Roger Hightower)
Subject: [3842] Re: e-mail address?
Message-ID: <199602032048.NAA06575@usr3.primenet.com>

Tnx to all who replied. I have Mike's address in the book now.

72/73, de Roger, AA7QY

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: n2mnn@openix.com (STEVEN PITUCH)
Subject: [3832] RE: Foxes on 2 bands
Message-ID: <199602031321.IAA30418@pantera.openix.com>

I think having the Foxes on two bands last night was an excellent idea. Most of the Foxes have seemed to be in my 40 Meter skip zone on the East coast. It often seems to extend to 1000 miles. On 40 Meters, many times not only do I not hear the Fox, but I also never hear any of the hunters. Having the Fox also on 80 Meters makes the hunting much less frustrating. Plus last night I also heard many of the hunters. It makes you feel like you are not the only one on the band.

I noticed the same thing with special event stations. Most of them don't go down to 80 Meters. I therefore usually can't work the NJ, NY, and PA ones even with QRO.

Chuck, go with more multi band Fox Hunts. You'll get more participation even if the OM/YLs have to dust off their commercial rigs to get on 80 meters.

72,

Steve, N2MNN
N2MNN@OPENIX.COM

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996

From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (chuck adams)
Subject: [3826] Re: Kent & Schurr keys
Message-ID: <199602030411.EAA22790@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Byron et.al.,

Tuckers in Dallas has the entire line of Schurr Keys. There are many who look, but few who buy. They are indeed works of true craftsmanship and I consider them works of art.

But I still prefer the Vibroplex Brass Racer over all that I own. Just my preference. Will see how the new paddle works when I get one in six weeks. I'll get the Mercury paddle in December for Christmas.

dit dit

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: Hank Kohl <k8dd@sun.tir.com>
Subject: [3839] Re: Logging software
Message-ID: <9602031954.AA13473@tir.com>

At 23:35 02/02/96 EST, you wrote:

>I've noticed that the information exchanged during the different contests
>vary quite a bit. Is there a good logging program that allows you to set
>it up for a particular contest. SS wants one set of info, Field Day wants
>another set, ARP ARCI wants another set, each mode and band is a contact,
>each mode by itself is a contact, add serial numbers, don't add numbers.....
>

I subscribe to the updates on both CT and NA. They cover slightly different contests. NA covers QRP-ARCI contests. At this point it does not calculate the score for less than 250mw, but I'm sure Dave will put it in on one of the upcoming versions.

>I've heard about CT and I used it for Field day (1995), I was with a club and
>that is the software they used for logging. It was the first and only time
>that I used it. How is it for all the other contests.
>

In a word --- great! CT doesn't cover QRP contests, but (like NA) the contests it supports are just fine.

CT and NA are not free. As programs for Amateur Radio go, they are moderately priced. Without checking the magazines, I think they are in the \$50 to \$60 range apiece. They both advertise in the National Contest Journal and a few other magazines. If anyone wants the addresses, let me know and I can look them up.

include disclaimer.std

73 Hank

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sat Feb 3 22:12:40 1996
From: DYARNES@aol.com
Subject: [3829] Re: Schurr Paddle
Message-ID: <960203001255_134623365@emout08.mail.aol.com>

I use the Schurr Profi and think it is absolutely top notch. It has a very solid feel--much more so than anything I have tried previously. The Schurr paddles are available through several sources here in the U.S. Electronic Switch Co. apparently has the primary importation rights. I got my Profi through HRO in Atlanta in the last month. Radio City up in Minnesota also carries them I believe.

I might add that I have also heard good things about the G4ZPY paddles, including favorable comments from a couple of Schurr owners. I wish I could compare it first hand. I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has tried both.

73/72 de David W5RMZ